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Even year wins Nykerk



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EVEN YEAR PLAY GIRLS SEARCH FOR THE DUTCHMAN'S TREASURE— The freshman play parodied the film *Little Rascals* in the quest for the cup Friday. See full photo spread on page 6.

Amy Soukup
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The norovirus outbreak may have delayed the Nykerk Cup competition, but it couldn't change the beloved 74-year-old Hope College tradition. Friday night displayed the Nykerk usuals: smiling navy-blue clad song girls, bright colored props and set pieces, boys in tuxes, fancy gowns and an overdose of all things sparkly.

On Friday, Nov. 14, students, faculty and community members braved the germs to watch the competition between the freshmen and sophomore women featuring song, play and oration. After three hours of performances, the class of 2012 took the cup, naming Even Year Nykerk champions for the

second year in a row.

Originally set for Saturday, Nov. 8, the Nykerk competition was postponed due to the campus shutdown and cancellation of student activities, creating much disappointment and concern for Nykerk participants.

“Noro really had us down when the information first came out that Nykerk was not going to be able to happen as scheduled, but our coaches really encouraged us to see the postponement as an opportunity to have even more Nykerk love!” Heather Gill ('12) said.

“I think about half of the girls in play got sick with the norovirus, and we were all worried about what would happen with Nykerk,” said freshman play participant Molly

Vass ('12).

After much discussion and planning, Nykerk was rescheduled almost a week later with a venue change from the Holland Civic Center to Central Wesleyan Church.

“I think it was exciting to try it in a different venue this year,” Vass said. “The layout was different than it would have been at the Civic Center, but we made it all come together.”

Nykerk night began with the freshmen song, “A Spoonful of Sugar” from “Mary Poppins,” and the sophomore song, a medley from the Broadway musical, “Hairspray.”

The orators, Jordan Walters ('12) and Alexa Westley ('11)

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Gay Straight Forum lacks official recognition

Karie Luidens
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

“Due to a general lack of understanding and acceptance, attending Hope can be an extremely painful experience for homosexuals,” an anonymous writer said. “Perhaps only another homosexual can fully comprehend the occasional feelings of loneliness and anguish that come from not being a member of Hope's heterosexual majority.”

Printed in 1978, the short Anchor article from which these quotes are drawn introduced Hope College's first student organization addressing issues of homosexuality, the group that would eventually be known as Gay Lesbian or Bisexual Equality (GLOBE).

The organization formed as a confidential support group, offering students a safe place to meet and talk each week about the uncertainties and struggles of being homosexual on Hope's campus. From the start, the group maintained a working relationship with faculty members, but it never sought the support of the campus governance system via the Campus Life Board (CLB).

A complicated history

Thus while controversy has surrounded the issue of homosexuality for the past 30 years and beyond, the question of official group recognition only recently became a central issue.

In the spring of 2001, students on campus formed a second group independent of GLOBE: the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA). Rather than focusing on confidential support, GSA intended to actively raise campus

awareness on issues of sexuality and to promote tolerance and understanding. GSA tried twice to be recognized as an official campus group, in April 2001 and January 2002, and both times the CLB denied the group recognition.

“GSA was definitely a strong advocacy group,” President James Bultman said this past week. “And no, our policy doesn't allow for groups that advocate homosexual behavior.”

His assertion was questioned by Professor Jane Dickie of the psychology department, who pointed out that “GSA advocated understanding and human respect,” not any type of sexual activity.

The policy Bultman referred to is Hope's Institutional Statement on homosexuality adopted by the Board of Trustees, which distinguishes between homosexual orientation and practice. A 2002 college press release explains that the statement “reflects the perspective of the Reformed Church in America (RCA).” The RCA's 1978 Theological Commission stated that “homosexual acts are contrary to the will of God for human sexuality.” In 1990 the General Synod added that the RCA “(encouraged) love and sensitivity towards such persons.”

“The college's policy, I think, is fairly reasonable,” Bultman said. “It calls for the humane treatment of all students.”

Nevertheless, faced with campus consternation over GSA's denial in 2001, Bultman formed a Task Force on Issues of Sexuality to evaluate what actions the college should take.

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Noro-like virus causes campus shut-down

Emily West
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Shortly before 1 p.m. on Nov. 7 state mandate temporarily closed Hope College because at that point 140 students had reported symptoms of nausea, diarrhea and vomiting, common attributes of the Norovirus.

In cooperation with administrators and in compliance with Michigan Public Health Code, the Ottawa County issued an emergency order to control an epidemic through 8 a.m. on Tuesday. The

order prohibited the gathering of people on campus including classes, athletic events and other gatherings.

Students immediately took preventative measures. Jori Niemann ('11) said that in the community bathrooms of Gilmore Hall “some of the girls had put up two sick signs and three healthy signs on the bathroom stalls not wanting to spread germs.”

“I just made sure to get enough sleep, washed my hands plenty and ate healthily,”

Niemann said.

On Sunday, college officials and the Ottawa County Health Department extended the cancellation of college activities until Wednesday at 6 a.m. after the number of reported sick faculty and students grew to 400.

A Facebook group, “Hope College: The Great Plague of 2008,” invited all Hope students saying, “Join this group, invite your friends, and let's find out just how many are actually affected by the Norovirus

epidemic plaguing our beloved school.” The group has over 1,300 members and includes pictures, videos and discussion posts.

Katie Opatik-Duff ('12), creator of the group, said “I created the facebook group Thursday night... mostly because I was really curious as to how many people were actually sick. I didn't think the numbers we were hearing were accurate.”

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PHOTO BY SHAWNA RHOLL

STUDENT PROVIDES COMIC RELIEF— Freshman Tim Nagi wears his homemade virus suit.

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Virus strikes Group remains unrecognized

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Despite the strong discouraging of travel, many students fled from campus. Others stayed on campus. Bethany Gravert ('12) said, "I live about five hours away so I thought it would be kind of ridiculous to waste gas going home to avoid a possible illness."

Gravert felt the emptiness of campus after students took off. "[It was] very quiet. A lot of movie-watching was done, some studying. Also, many videos were posted to my friends on their Facebook wall," she said.

Media coverage increased as the number of reported cases did. The situation at Hope made the front page of the Grand Rapids Press on Saturday, Nov. 8.

An email to students from Student Development attempted to calm fears stated that "The college is NOT being quarantined...students are encouraged to REMAIN calm." This quote appeared on T-shirts sold by Kollen Hall this past week.

Timothy Nagi ('12) took another approach to calm the student body and built a protective suit. "I was feeling kind of bored on Thursday night and everyone was freaking out about the virus already by that time. I decided that someone needed to provide some comic relief since everyone was all worried," he said.

Nagi used a black garbage bag, duct tape, a plastic cup and a sock to construct the suit. He said, "I did stay healthy during the whole outbreak. This is probably due more to the fact that I washed my hands very frequently and only touched things with something covering my hands than the suit, since I only actually wore the suit for about an hour or two, and it provided no protection to the arms."

Before the reopening of the college, custodial staff cleaned all areas to meet the standards of the Center for Disease Control. According to the Grand Rapids Press, 40 hand sanitizing dispensers were overnighed from California, and students were provided with a special cleaner (TB-CIDE QUAT). Students were given the responsibility to clean their personal spaces and practice good hygiene. The Health Center sent out an email stating "All Hope students are from this day forward deputized as hand washing police officers."

Niemann said "I do feel safe now. I think right when we got back it felt a little weird, but now I feel like campus is pretty much back to normal."

Provost Jim Boelkins contradicted rumors that the college was extending the semester. "Contrary to rumors circulating the campus, we are NOT extending the class calendar or the exam week."

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The 12-member Task Force's findings were presented in the spring of 2002 in a three-part report with recommendations.

"Central among its conclusions," said the college press release, "is the conviction that since the college lives its life 'in the context of the historic Christian faith' it ought to similarly place the Bible 'in a privileged position as the only final authority for the faith and practice of the people of God and as the primary resource for people seeking to discern their moral responsibilities.'"

The Task Force went on to recommend that Hope provide "a recognized safe environment for our students to meet and speak openly with each other about their lives and their experiences in an atmosphere of trust and confidentiality."

Thus while GSA's (perceived) agenda of advocacy was rejected, Hope gave the nod for GLOBE to continue unofficially offering confidential support under student leadership. In addition, the Task Force's Programming Committee created an entirely new group, the "Sexuality Roundtable, A Forum for Gay and Straight Students."

(The naming has often led to confusion: to clarify, the Sexuality Roundtable is often referred to as the Gay Straight Forum [GSF], which is derived from its subtitle—GSF is not a separate entity. Meanwhile GSA no longer functions on Hope's campus.)

Each class also performed student written and directed plays complete with costumes, make-up, sets, exaggerated movements and spontaneous dance parties. The freshmen play, "Little Rascals," put a Hope-spin on the popular film, in which members of the Dutch-man Calvin Haters Club had to find a mythical treasure in order to stop Calvin College from taking over Hope. The sophomore play, "The Office: From Scranton to Holland," parodied the popular NBC show, in which the characters of "The Office" (located in Holland instead of Scranton) tried to solve the mystery of who put the Calvin seal on all of their paper.

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GSF's unofficial status

"The Task Force did a really good job," Bultman said. "The group that was established was widely accepted by the campus, and I think it's worked well."

However, while GSF was created by the administration's own Programming Committee, it has never been formally recognized by the college governance system. According to CLB meeting minutes regarding the creation of the Sexuality Roundtable, "The goal of the group was to make it possible for the group to have open education discussions and programs without becoming an official student group."

Bultman said, "When the group first came out, because they didn't have official status, they were often denied meeting space and things like that."

It wasn't until a 2004 CLB meeting, two years after GSF's creation, that this was addressed.

"It was recommended that the group have a permanent faculty/staff liaison, funds made available in a set budget, and student representation on the Programming Committee," the minutes stated.

Since that time, GSF has also been regularly granted meeting space, catering for events, and promotional space on KnowHope, but it is still not an official Hope College student group.

This non-status is the source of heated resentment among

some students.

"I am just baffled at how Hope cannot 'formally recognize' the Gay Straight Forum on campus," Seth Carlson ('10) said. "While (some) say that we have enough recognition already, it is only half-way there."

"It seems odd that an institution would provide funding, access to rooms and other resources and still say that it does not officially recognize GSF," Dickie said.

"Even though the group has not been recognized as an official student organization by the CLB, it still has considerable support from the college," said Dr. Steven Hoogerwerf of the religion department. "Over the last few years, GSF has sponsored many well-attended speakers, has been effective in providing a forum for conversation and has provided programs that have contributed to increased knowledge and understanding."

But Hoogerwerf said that some see official status as an important symbolic step.

"For now, in my role as its advisor, I encourage the leadership team to pursue GSF's mission with the kind of excellence and character that will make the college proud of its work," Hoogerwerf said.

Student questions policy

Meanwhile, those who continue to press the issue of official recognition often have a view of administrators that is jaded by suspicion. In his Oct. 22 letter to the editor, Carlson

worded such suspicions as a direct accusation: "Because certain authorities fear donor withdrawal from college funding, official recognition and allowance of these groups on campus is not tolerated."

"I think I could say that I've never had a donor that has influenced a decision," Bultman responded. "Have donors withdrawn support because they didn't like a decision? Yes. But I've never had one come to me using money as a threat."

Asked whether he nonetheless keeps donor money in mind during the decision-making process, Bultman said, "I try to make decisions that are in accord with the missions of the college."

Others have pointed out that it is the Campus Life Board who has a final say in determining the status of student groups, and the CLB is composed of different administrators, faculty, and students each year.

Though homosexuality-related student groups may have come a long way from the hostility of 30 years ago, conversations about the matter continue. It remains to be seen whether students will content themselves with the current conditions, or rally for GSF's official recognition.

Nykerk cup showcases students' talents

♦ **NYKERK**, from page 1

performed speeches of their own interpretation of this year's theme, "Reaching Beyond." Walters spoke of the importance of community while Westley spoke of paying attention to inner beauty.

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"The long hours of practice every night, getting up early on Saturday mornings, and even the extra week of practice due to the noro(like)virus were all worth it in the end. We did our best, and though it may have

been disappointing not to win the cup, that is not at all what Nykerk is about," said sophomore play participant Audrey Griffith ('11).

Freshmen song participant, Allison Corso ('12) said, "There

were so many times when my fellow assistant coaches and I would complain about not wanting to go to rehearsal ... but getting to touch the cup last night was worth every minute of the past four weeks."



The ‘Change’ Administration

Stated goals

War in Iraq

President-elect Barack Obama wants to responsibly end the war in Iraq, encourage political accommodation, and increase stability in Iraq and the region.

Healthcare

Obama’s plan for health-care is to make it affordable and accessible to all, lower costs, and promote public health.

Immigration

Obama wants to secure our borders, improve our immigration system, and create incentives for illegals to want to naturalize.

Economy

Obama wants to provide a tax cut for working families, provide tax relief for small businesses and startups, and fight for fair trade.

Energy and Environment

Obama’s energy plan includes providing short-term relief to American families, creating millions of new green jobs, and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050.

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Transition Co-Chair

JOHN PODESTA

Former chief of staff for Bill Clinton, he wrote a book outlining the key priorities that he felt a Democratic president should pursue.

Senior Advisor

DAVID AXELROD

Obama’s chief strategist in both his senate and presidential runs.

Senior Advisor

VALERIE JARRETT

A close friend of Obama’s, she is the former chair of Chicago’s Transit Board.

White House Counsel

GREG CRAIG

Head of Clinton’s defense team during the impeachment trial, he will now be the White House’s top lawyer.

Vice President’s Chief of Staff

RON KLAIN

Gained prominence in 2000 for pushing for a recount in Florida, he also held the same position under Al Gore.

Senior Advisor

PETE ROUSE

Served as Obama’s chief of staff in the Senate.

Legislative Affairs

PHIL SCHILIRO

Will be responsible for pushing legislation through Congress.

Press Secretary

ROBERT GIBBS

Press secretary for John Kerry’s presidential bid in 2004, he was communications director for Obama’s campaign.

Chief of Staff

RAHM EMANUEL

Another close friend of Obama’s, he was the deputy chief of staff for Bill Clinton.

THIS WEEK IN NEWS

“Obviously he’ll influence the president to be pro-Israel. Why wouldn’t he? What is he, an Arab? He’s not going to be mopping floors at the White House.”

– Benjamin Emanuel to a reporter concerning his son, Rahm Emanuel, the newly appointed chief-of-staff for Obama’s administration

“From the fullness of my heart, I personally apologize on behalf of my family and me. These are not the values upon which I was raised or those of my family.”

– Rahm Emanuel apologizing to the US-Arab community for his father’s remarks.

“One out of 10 jobs in this country are auto-related. Twenty percent of retail sales are auto-related or automobiles, so this is a national problem.”

– Sen. Carl Levin on the need for some of the \$700 billion stimulus package to go toward bailing out the ailing Big Three automakers.

A French court of appeal has overruled the decision to annul the marriage of two Muslims because the bride had lied about being a virgin. Under French civil code, a marriage can be annulled if a spouse has lied about an “essential quality” of the relationship.

“We forbid buying of Christmas and New Year’s gifts as well as organising of Christmas and New Year’s receptions.”

– Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader on the country’s ban of public (not private) holiday celebrations due to the global financial crisis.

“We don’t want an agreement with America. We don’t want an agreement with Israel. We don’t want an agreement with Iran. We fully and totally reject this security pact.”

– Iraqi citizen Rasheed al-Jumali on the proposed withdrawal of US troops from the streets of Iraqi towns next year, leaving Iraq by the end of 2011.

“The risk of Japan posting a third or fourth straight quarterly contraction is growing, given the fact that we can no longer rely on exports.”

– Takeshi Minami, chief economist at Norinchukin Research Institute on Japan’s first recession since 2001 after shrinking by 0.1% in the third quarter. The world’s second-largest economy had previously shrunk by 0.9% from April to June.

Stopped Proposals

CALIFORNIA Would require parental notification and a waiting period before a minor could obtain an abortion	COLORADO (CONT.) Would prohibit government from discriminating or giving preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity or national origin.	OREGON Would make teachers’ salaries dependent on classroom performance
COLORADO Would define a “person” as a human being from the moment of fertilization		SOUTH DAKOTA Would ban abortion except in cases of rape or when the health of the mother is at risk

Passed Proposals

ARIZONA Ban on same-sex marriage	MASSACHUSETTS Decriminalize marijuana	NEBRASKA Prohibits government from discriminating or giving preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity or national origin.
ARKANSAS Unmarried couples are prohibited from adopting children	MICHIGAN Permit use of medicinal marijuana	OKLAHOMA Establishes the right to hunt and fish
CALIFORNIA Ban on same-sex marriage	MINNESOTA Sales tax for environment adds 3/8% of sales tax for clean water, natural areas, parks, and the arts	SOUTH CAROLINA Defeated a provision that unmarried women younger than 14 may consent to have sex
FLORIDA Ban on same-sex marriage	MISSOURI Allow only English to be used at government meetings	WASHINGTON Allows physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill
IOWA Replace constitutional language prohibiting voting by “idiot or insane” persons		

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Nov. 4, brought 153 statewide ballot propositions.

Ninety-one measures were passed and 62 measures were rejected. The 59% passage rate is below the 2004 and 2006 average of 67%.

Twenty-four of 59 (41%) of the citizen-sponsored measures were passed.

The trend in same-sex marriage bans continues with three new states adopting such a ban.

Voters have approved 32 of the 33 measures banning gay marriage.

California’s Proposition 8 was the highest-profiled measure. The campaigns for and against Proposition 8 together raised \$60 million – a record for a social issue.

The trend in defending the right to an abortion continues with three states defeating proposals restricting abortion.

Animal rights activists gained ground with a ban on commercial dog racing in Massachusetts and a measure requiring minimum living space for farm animals in California.

Government spending increased with 13 of 14 bond measures heading toward passage, which would authorize a total of more than \$13 billion

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Students showcase big talent

Fall concert gives dance students a chance to put their praised pieces to show

Anna Pillot
GUEST WRITER

The Student Dance Concert is arguably one of the most popular and highly anticipated dance events among Hope's general student body. From hip hop to ballet, solos to sextets, the variety of the student-performed works is extensive. With guidance and production help from dance faculty, students are able to create their own pieces to be showcased in a concert setting.

"Dancers put just as much time and effort into the SDC as others put into events like The Pull and Nykerk. Many students have friends that are involved in the dance concerts whether that's choreographing, dancing, or technical support," said Lindsey Ferguson ('09), one of this season's student performers.

Ferguson is no stranger to the SDC. She has participated in many of the concerts throughout her four years at Hope.

"Knowing that we are supported by our peers is crucial and justifies the countless hours, energy and injuries that go into putting on a show. We aren't choreographing for ourselves. We choreograph for others to witness what we took from our



GRAPHIC BY TAYLOR HUGHES

imagination and is now physically alive and present," Ferguson said.

Ferguson has choreographed a solo, "Portraits," and is part of the Composition II class pre-

senting "Distortia."

The number of students involved as dancers, choreographers or as part of the technical crew multiplies every semester. As participation grows, so do en-

thusiastic crowds. SDC is trademarked with unconventionally rowdy audience participation, making this dance concert unlike any other around.

"The pieces you see at the Student Dance Concert are coming from the hearts of the students. We've choreographed them, and we're performing them. It's neat to experience what's been going on in the creative minds of dance students, not just dance faculty and guest artists," said Sarah Stinson ('11), student choreographer of "Lo que dejé en Guatemala."

Boasting 17 student-choreographed works, the SDC takes the stage in the Dow Center on Nov. 18-19 at 8 p.m. Each night will feature different shows. The pieces will be adjudicated by Roberto Rodriguez, company manager of Ballet de San Juan; Jackie Bartley, adjunct assistant professor from the Hope English department; and Katherine Sullivan, assistant professor from the art department. Works selected after the Dow show will advance to an encore performance at the Knickerbocker Theatre Nov. 24-25 at 8 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN ART

Thursday	Nov. 20
English Department Tea 3:30 - 6 p.m., Lubbers Loft	
Friday	Nov. 21
Flute Recital, Sarah Brown 6 p.m., Wichers Auditorium	
Sunday	Nov. 23
Faculty Recital R. Gabe Southard, 3 p.m., Dimnent	
Monday	Nov. 24
Women's Chamber Choir to Perform 7:30 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church	

IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S CHAMBER CHOIR TO PERFORM

The Women's Chamber Choir will perform with Luminescence, 12th Street Harmony and the Collegium Musicum on Monday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

The program will include a setting of E.E. Cummings' poem, "I Thank You God," composed by recent visiting composer Gwyneth Walker. Other pieces include a setting of the "Prayer of St. Francis," a temperance song from the 1600s, and music about birds, the sun, the moon, and the stars. Lannette Zylman-TenHave will be accompanying on piano and will be joined by oboes, a clarinet, and a glockenspiel.

The Women's Chamber Choir is directed by instructor and staff accompanist Jennifer Wolfe. She holds master's degrees in choral conducting and piano performance from Michigan State University and the University of Illinois.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church is located on the corner of 13th Street and Maple Avenue.

CHRISTMAS VESPERS TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the annual Hope College Christmas Vespers will be sold to the public on Saturday, Nov. 22, beginning at 10 a.m. at the DeVos Fieldhouse.

Christmas Vespers will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The tickets will be sold at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse, which is located between Ninth and 11th streets at 222 Fairbanks Ave.

The sale is scheduled to run until noon, but will end earlier if the supply of tickets runs out. Because the services traditionally sell out, persons wishing to purchase tickets for a particular service are encouraged to consider arriving early and obtaining a place in line.

Tickets will be \$7 each, with a limit of four tickets per person. No pre-orders accepted, and tickets not sold at the door.

'The 1940s Radio Hour' promises to please

Play employs dancing and old-time sound effects to depict infamous holiday broadcast

Hope College Press Release--Audiences can take a step back to December 1942 when Hope College Theatre presents "The 1940's Radio Hour" by Walton Jones in the DeWitt Center main theatre.

Show times are Thursday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 22, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 24 and 25, at 7 p.m.

The production features a colorful cast of characters working on The Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade. There's the announcer and producer always in search of his bromo; the Sina-

tra-wannabe lead singer who just can't keep it together; the bubble-headed waitress who speaks with a Gracie Allen vacancy--until she opens her mouth to sing that is, and many more.

"The 1940's Radio Hour" takes us back to the days of radio variety shows and radio drama," said John K.V. Tammi, who is the production's director. "The remarkable thing is that it is both

a stage show and a radio broadcast, very much like attending Garrison Keeler's 'Prairie Home Companion' in person. There will be music from the swing era, well-known love songs, comedy routines and radio drama with sound effects."

Tammi noted that he finds working with students on the production especially rewarding.

"Perhaps I'm most happy that this play will give our students a chance to learn about the time when their grandparents were young and in love, jitterbugging to the big band sound and crooning the songs that are now stan-

dards of the American popular songbook," he said. "The play takes place during the dark days of World War II but is full of American optimism."

Members of the cast include: Tom Bird of Baraboo, Wis., as Neal Tilden; Lauren Conley of White Lake as Connie Miller; Andrew Gras of Holland as Stanley; Jared Graybiel of Lebanon, Ind., as B.J. Gibson; Nick



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COME PLAY THE 1940S WAY — Students do the swing and jitterbug to the big band sound of the WW II era.

Hemeren of Skovde, Sweden, as Biff Baker; Ben Hertel of New Richmond as Lou Cohn; Scott L. Kosiba of Vicksburg as Johnny Cantone; Lucas Leavenworth of Naperville, Ill., as Pops Bailey; Evann Potts of Kalamazoo as Wally Fergusson; Kalyn Rivers of Flossmoor, Ill., as Geneva Lee Browne; Brittany Stock of St. Charles, Ill., as Ann Collier; and

Candice Tindell of Grayslake, Ill., as Ginger Brooks.

Tickets for "The 1940's Radio Hour" are \$7 for regular admission, \$5 for Hope faculty and staff, and \$4 for students and senior citizens, available in the DeVos Fieldhouse. In addition, the DeWitt Center before the curtain rises. Contact the ticket office at (616) 395-7890.

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Change for tradition’s sake

Hold your fire and take a closer look

Katie Bennett
Co Editor-in-Chief



Over the last few weeks, The Anchor has run several pieces about homosexuality on Hope’s campus. (For an illuminating look at the facts behind GSF, GLOBE, and the Hope administration’s relationship with them, see “Gay Straight Forum lacks official recognition” by Karie Luidens on page 1). But the great debate over homosexuality extends beyond Hope College. It runs through our election coverage as well as through our religious discussions. This year’s election saw the highly publicized passing of Proposition 8 in California, which amended the state constitution to exclude same-sex unions from the definition of marriage. The Episcopal Church is now divided over its ordaining of an openly gay bishop in 2003. Closer to home, the Reformed Church of America opened a Homosexuality Dialogue in 2005 which meets to spark “honest and intentional denomination-wide dialogue on homosexuality.” One theme is consistent even among conservative Christian denominations: the need for discussion over this issue is real and complex.

Many of the disagreements over homosexuality within Christianity boil down to a fundamental difference in opinion over whether homosexuality is or is not a sin. Biblically speaking, there are a total of seven passages in the Bible that are thought to reference homosexuality in some capacity. Leviticus lists male sexual relations among other sexual offense. However, very few modern Christians follow all of what Leviticus prescribes for the righteous. The dietary laws, for example, certainly prohibit our Saturday morning serving of bacon, yet we consider this antiquated. Paul seems to condemn homosexuality

in both 1 Corinthians and Timothy, but scholars disagree on whether he was referring to consensual adult relationships or the Roman boy sex trade, temple prostitutes, etc. The Greek word he uses, “arsenokoitai,” has no clear translation and there is no Greek word for “homosexual” in the sense we use it. Many believe Paul’s reference to homosexuality in Romans is used as an example of mankind’s general fallenness, like pain in childbirth, rather than a lecture on sexual morality.

While many of us have already drawn our own conclusions from these texts, it is important to acknowledge that there is no easy answer, regardless of our ideology. I am sick of the hasty, “The Bible doesn’t apply to our times, so homosexuality is fine.” The Bible carries meaning for hundreds of thousands of modern day people. Certainly it is timeless to some extent. I am sick of the thoughtless, “God didn’t make us to be gay.” Supposedly, then, God didn’t make us to be infertile either, and yet many couples are. No one is the perfect prototype for all mankind.

If there was ever a time for thoughtfulness and consideration, this is it. Let the intellectually dead name calling pervade the discussion on the national stage. As members of the Hope community, we can do better than that. We cannot simply write off the opinions of those who disagree with us. This issue calls for respect for both sides and a commitment to truly hear each other’s perspectives.

Katie wonders when it suddenly became winter. She is busting out the mittens and baking more cookies.

Gotta stay positive

To infinity and well, not too much farther beyond that

RJ Casey
Columnist



All week I was having trouble coming up with something substantial to write about for my column. “Talk about the virus,” is what all my friends were recommending, but I realized that by the time this column was published, the Noro would be so “yesterday” that it wouldn’t even be entertaining (contrary to the implementation of those Orwellian orbs all over campus that are so undeniably “tomorrow.” Now I know how Wall-E sanitizes his hands!). Just as I was about to give up and let the idea of writer’s block burrow a crevice into my psyche, an idea literally materialized from the heavens.

As I sat down in my room, intense graphics and booming music strained from my small TV. The words “Breaking News” appeared and I was like Pavlov’s dog; waiting, drooling. It turns out NASA has done it again. Crazy distant satellites have taken images of four new planets outside our solar system. These latecomers now bring the total number of orbiters outside the Milky Way to (get this!) 326. Here I was, convinced Pluto finally had a worthy heir, not knowing that there were hundreds of other adversaries. After the shock, and aftershock, wore off I was left confused but still infinitely fascinated by outer space.

This planetary realization raises another question. What is going on in space? It’s nuts up there! I enrolled in the GEMS course “The Night Sky” earlier this semester, but I never really found my answer, mostly due to the fact that I spent the entirety of every class pondering the logistics of sci-fi movies than actually studying (Soylent Green is people!). In space there are countless new planets and an Autobahn of reckless stars that receive gratification from just blowing up, and where are we? Hovering over the toilet and drowning in Purell. Like I said, I didn’t want to write about the Noro, but come on (it usually has a 2 to 3 paragraph incubation period). How is it that we have the technology to launch hunks of metal into deep space, but are still ravaged by a couple strands of malicious protein? Drastic measures must be taken and there is no better time than now. This is my Technologist Manifesto.

I believe every citizen should have the best technology at all times. The current government, or worse, old people who type using their two pointer fingers, will just try to get in our way, but we must rise above. You say hybrid cars, I say really fast hovercrafts. You say bicycles, I saw Segways. You say airplanes, I say liberally implemented teleportation systems (What? They did it in “Star Trek” and that was like 30 years ago!). See where this is going? We could create an infantry of robots to fight our battles or just tidy up around the house like in “The Jetsons.” I could keep going on and on, but I don’t have time right now. I’ve got to turn in my computer to CIT. I think it has a virus.

RJ recommends you all rent “Soylent Green” and watch it to reveal the cold, distant future of society. Then watch “She’s the Man” to reveal the cold, distant future of soccer.

Indifferent karma

Eric Anderson
Columnist



Giving thanks

As the holiday season approaches, I have decided to take the time and look back on the school year so far to find the things for which I am grateful. And so after many long hours of searching I have come to realize that every situation we encounter can produce something to be thankful for, even if it is not immediately obvious to us. However, if you do not see the immediate value of a situation, here are some times in my life where I was

able to sit back, see something I could appreciate, and laugh.

I am thankful for the sun providing us with warmth and the means for life, despite some of the days this year being too bright. I am thankful for the extra hour of sleep that daylight savings time provided us. Even though it now gets dark just after I finish lunch, I am sure the extra hour was a great help for those who needed to sleep off hangovers from Halloween parties. I am thankful for the arrival of the Salvation Army bell ringers, because I have not been feeling guilty enough on my trips to buy groceries. I am thankful for the outcome of the recent election, mostly because now we can stop talking about it and move on. I am thankful for Jose Cuervo—not for its alcoholic purposes, but rather because I like using the phrase “Live Notoriously Well.”

I am thankful for my newfound fear of getting mugged going to the ATM. Never have I been more frugal with my spending. I am thankful that our football team got new practice equipment, because if they can get new gear, any team must have a chance! I am thankful that Hope sporting events are so well attended by elderly people, even if they are so quiet they could be watching a play. I am thankful for Parents’ Weekend and the motivation it gives for all the dorm residents to clear the empty beer cans out of their rooms. I am VERY thankful for the heat in cottages, especially when I go to off-campus houses that rely on an abundance of blankets and “friction” for heat. I am thankful for quotation marks and their “ability” to “fill” an ordinary sentence with an extraordinary amount of sexual “innuendo.”

I am thankful for the norovirus. I

was able to avoid it, but it was still nice to have my fear of death heightened to unprecedented levels. I am also thankful for the people who suffered through it so everyone else could have a five-day weekend. I realize the experience might have been a bit unpleasant, but I am sure that soon we can all look back and laugh at what some have described as “explosive diarrhea.”

Finally, I am thankful for all of my family and friends—except for Kent...he knows why.

Eric Anderson hopes you can laugh while reading this and while entering the end of the year. He is also knocking on wood that he avoided the norovirus and then immediately washing his hand and sanitizing the wood.

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Tribute to parents...

Parents' Weekend essay winner Rebekah Ostosh ('12), thanks mom for preparing her for life's obstacles

Floating warmly next to my mom in her endless sea of covers, I stared at her ceiling and asked her, "Why is your chandelier not in the middle?" I remember this morning, it was early and we had just moved into our new house, my brothers were not yet awake, and it was just me and my mom tucked away on the shore of a lazy Sunday morning. "Well my dear," she began, "life isn't always centered and certainly not perfect."

Although I laughed at her for answering my silly question so seriously, I sat there for moments after wondering to my little self what she meant. At this point I had never really struggled with anything, what problems was I going to have? It was hard to understand and relate to. But if anyone knows what it is like to struggle with life, it is my mom. Through a disastrous divorce, raising four children on her own while working two jobs, going to school for her master's at the same time, and battling cancer; my mom has had her fair share of hardships.

My mom alerted her four children that there would be many battles in life, she prepared us extensively and made it known to us that some are meant to be won and others not, but either way you find the strength within yourself and your family to fight the fight and give it your all.

Through life's unpredictable moments, I have learned first hand not to take anything for granted. Life itself is sacred, and how you play it out and overcome the challenges is a great reflection of the person you are. My mom has taught me to find balance and strength deep within myself, and to be independent and confident when un-

dertaking life's unpredictable strides. I struggled through high school trying to find balance between academics, caring for my family, extracurricular activities, athletics and work. I now understand how terribly "off-center" life can be, but at the same time am able to accept what life gives me. Her encouragement and knowing how strong she has been through it all has influenced me to do the same. She encouraged me, even when she was weak in her hospital bed, to succeed by making the fight and putting the effort forward whether it was towards academics or being emotionally strong for my family.

Upon transitioning here at Hope College, I am aware that many things will be thrown my way, and I feel confident and prepared to overcome those challenges. I know that the challenges that I

“ I now understand how terribly ‘off-center’ life can be. —REBEKAH OSTOSH ”

will face here will only make me stronger as a student and as a person. I am eager to have these new experiences and eager to achieve them. Thanks to my wise mother,

I know to expect everything other than perfection, and am able to live each day knowing that I am a strong woman and can handle life's obstacles no matter how "off centered" they are.

The Parents' Weekend Essay Contest awards one parent with the Family Anchors award; Rebekah's mother, Lisa Paulun, was unable to officially receive the award due to the Norovirus closing.

From the inside out

War paint goes so well with white gloves

Karen Patterson
Assistant Sports Editor



Odd Year, Even Year. For Hope students, those four simple words bring up many thoughts and memories. I am proud to be a part of the class of 2011. While it's only the simple luck of my birthday that puts me in this group, this year I have come to a new appreciation for the tradition of even and odd year.

Pull and Nykerk are two of Hope's longest and greatest traditions. They bring students together, giving them a chance to be involved in something much larger than just themselves. This year I was blessed to be one of the members of the '11 Pull team. It was, without a doubt, one of the greatest experiences of my life.

Two weeks after Pull ended, Nykerk began and one of my friends convinced me to try it. I'll be perfectly honest, I hated the first few days. People were smiling, doing these cute little cheers, and the coaches were jumping up and down in the name of Odd Year spirit. I had a very different image of Odd Year in my mind, and I found it difficult to reconcile the differences between Pull and Nykerk.

Somewhere amidst all the singing and crazy motions, I discovered something important: there was nothing wrong with being happy and getting excited about Odd Year. This isn't to say that I didn't ever laugh or smile during Pull, because I did—quite a lot actually, but, Pull and Nykerk are inherently different.

When I hear people say "Nykerk is like the musical version of Pull," I have to smile at their misconception. Granted, both Odd and Even Year teams are coached by upperclassmen, but Nykerk doesn't push you to your physical and mental limits. Pull doesn't require participants to smile non-stop for two hours. Rather, it is the similarities, though few, that make me love both Pull and Nykerk so much.

Each requires unquestioned faith in the coaches. In Pull, the moraler is told to never take their eyes off the stand, and in Nykerk, we have to trust that even though our motion may seem weird, it looks amazing when the group moves in unison.

There is a sense of teamwork like no other. In Pull, we drilled as a team over and over so that we moved as one unstoppable unit. For Nykerk, we learned our cues and trusted our coaches that things that seem insignificant individually were just part of the big picture.

Though it is only by my birthday that I am a part of Odd Year, I consider it an honor and a privilege. When I see maroon and gold '11 Pull shirts around campus I smile because of the pride I have to be a part of that tradition. I now wear my bright orange '11 song shirt and grin when I pass a fellow song girl because of the common bond we share. In the end, Pull and Nykerk have been two of my greatest Hope memories thus far and I'm proud to be Odd.

Karen Patterson would give anything for five more minutes on the rope or the chance to be the sun in the sky again, but is so excited for next year... Yeah '13!!!

Make it big

Gray Emerson & Andreas VanDenend
Columnists

Phonecian life

As we met each other on Saturday night, realizing we had no one to watch a movie with us and with our respective girlfriends out doing things we began to ponder how we could get more friends. Both being fans of Ancient Phoenician culture (or at least their alphabet) we decide to base a social organization on the elements of homogeneity, separatist tendencies, and bourgeois principles. What would this group do, you may ask?

Obviously exclusive parties, expensive galas, and serious bonding with other members of the Phoenician group – we'll call it QKE just to make it easier No, we don't know what it means either, but we sure do think it'll look great on a sweatshirt! Speaking of sweatshirts, we would want people to know who we are so we'd wear them everyday. In fact, why not have an entire wardrobe; hats, scarves, jackets, socks, and for senior members, underwear.

In order for this to work, we would need a very specific type of man—underclassmen that are willing to stand out

from the crowd by proudly bearing our flashy insignia (a beautiful sky blue and passionate red). We need enthusiastic men, who tell it like it is, but also know how to have a good time. Men involved in a variety of activities. Namely, we need pullers, footballers, and Dance Marathon dancers or moralers. Men from all walks of life, regardless of race or sexual orientation, who can boldly stand together under matching colors.

Although this is exclusively male, we believe that Phoenician Life should be open to both genders, but we should only get together for scheduled jamborees. Though we can interact socially with each other, men are men and women are women. Why muddy the waters by having a co-ed social organization? Phoenician men will be encouraged to date Phoenician women due to shared values, but at heart, QKE will be about building brotherhood by creating individuality through group activity.

Now brotherhood and eternal friendship do not come without a price. You don't think fancy weekends at hotels pay for themselves do you? Of course they don't, but you do! For a reasonable monthly fee, you can have life-long friends, ones that think, dress and act just like you. That's better than making your own friends any day.

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WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Nov. 20, Indiana-South Bend, 8 p.m.
Nov. 22, Trinity Christian, Ill., 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28-29, Host Hall Of Fame Tournament
Friday: Calvin vs. Aquinas, 6 p.m.; Hope vs. Cornerstone, 8 p.m.
Saturday: Consolation, 6 p.m.; Championship, 8 p.m.
Dec. 5-6, CCIW/MIAA Classic at Wheaton, Ill.
Friday: Hope vs. Carthage, Wisc., 6 p.m.; Calvin vs. Wheaton, Ill., 8 p.m.
Saturday: Calvin vs. Carthage, 1 p.m.; Hope vs. Wheaton, 3 p.m.
Dec. 12-13, Host Holland Sentinel Community Tournament
Friday: Purdue N. Central, Ind. vs. Marygrove, 6 p.m.; Hope vs. Grace Bible, 8 p.m.
Saturday: 1 & 3 p.m. Consolation & Championship games; Hope plays at 3 p.m.
Dec. 20, at Aquinas, 2 p.m.
Dec. 29-30, Host Russ Devette Holiday Classic
Monday: Madonna vs. Judson, Ill., 6 p.m.; Hope vs. Davenport 8 p.m.
Tuesday: 6 & 8 p.m.; Hope plays at 8 p.m.
Jan. 7, *at Olivet, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10, *Albion, 3 p.m.
Jan. 14, *at Kalamazoo, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17, *Calvin, 3 p.m.
Jan. 21, *Alma, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24, *at Adrian, 3 p.m.
Jan. 28, *Trine, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31, *Olivet, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4, *at Albion, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7, *Kalamazoo, 3 p.m.
Feb. 11, *at Calvin, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14, *at Alma, 3 p.m.
Feb. 18, *Adrian, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21, *at Trine, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Nov. 21-22, Host Hope Tip-off Tournament
Friday: Alma vs. Defiance, Ohio, 6 p.m.; Hope vs. Concordia, Minn., 8 p.m.
Saturday: 1 & 3 p.m. - Consolation & Championship games; Hope plays at 3 p.m.
Nov. 25, at Defiance, Ohio, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3, *at Albion, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6, *Alma, 3 p.m.
Dec. 13, Cornerstone, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 15-16, at RDV Sportsplex Tournament, Orlando, Fla.
Monday: Elmhurst, Ill. vs. Hope, 6 p.m.; Carthage, Wisc. vs. Lawrence, Wisc., 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Lawrence vs. Elmhurst, 6 p.m.; Hope vs. Carthage, 8 p.m.
Jan. 3, *at Saint Mary's, 3 p.m.
Jan. 7, *Kalamazoo, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10, *at Trine, 1 p.m.
Jan. 14, *Calvin, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17, *Olivet, 5 p.m.
Jan. 21, *at Adrian, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24, *Albion, 3 p.m.
Jan. 28, *at Alma, 6 p.m.
Jan. 31, *Saint Mary's, 3 p.m.
Feb. 4, Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7, *at Kalamazoo, 3 p.m.
Feb. 11, *Trine, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14, *Adrian, 3 p.m.
Feb. 18, *at Olivet, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21, *at Calvin, 2 p.m.

MEN AND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Dec. 5-6, at Wheaton Invitational, 11 a.m. CT
Jan. 10, *Hope at Saint Mary's, 1 p.m.
Jan. 17, +Host Illinois-Michigan Quad, 1 p.m.
Hope, Kalamazoo, Lake Forest, Wheaton
Jan. 23, Hope at Grand Valley, 6 p.m.
Jan. 24, *Hope at Calvin, 1 p.m.
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Volleyball defeated in NCAA tourney

James Ralston
SPORTS EDITOR

The dominant season for Hope’s volleyball team came to an end on Friday when they were eliminated from the NCAA Tournament after losing to Heidelberg College in the first round 2-3. The closely fought match concluded what had been a highly successful year for the Dutch, who won the MIAA regular season and finished the regular season ranked 22nd in the nation.

Hope had the opportunity to face Heidelberg earlier in the season where they lost 2-3 as well. The team worked hard before the re-match in an attempt to change the previous outcome.

“We really approached the match meticulously,” Andrea Helminiak (’10) said. “We studied their game, figuring out hitting points and trying to learn from the last match.”

One difficult factor in the team’s preparation was the virus that swept Hope’s campus. Athletics were not allowed to practice for five straight days, with practice resuming a mere two days before the tournament began.

“The fact that we didn’t play for five days could have been a factor,” Kara VandeGuchte (’11) “But we came in as prepared as possible.”

The match was very competitive throughout, Heidelberg won the first set, Hope responded with two consecutive set wins

and then lost the last two. “The match was tough, we played well and Heidelberg just played great,” VandeGuchte said. “They had a lot of good digs and they are also a good hitting team.”

The match came down to the last set, where Hope battled to a 7-15 defeat.

“We got down early in the fifth set,” Helminiak said. “When we started to come back it was already too late.”

Despite the loss, Helminiak pointed out that just being in the NCAA tournament offered the team the opportunity to play at another level and experience a new atmosphere.

“The atmosphere at the tournmanet is just intense,” Helminiak said. “It definitely has a different feel from any other game during the year, it’s very hardcore because everyone knows its a win or go home situation.”

With the season over, the underclassmen can only wait for the year to come. The team graduates two senior starters; outside hitter Nora Slenk and defensive specialist Meghan Winer. Despite this setback, the team is confident in their future.

“Nora and Meghan will be missed, they played a big role,” Helminiak said. “But we’re really looking forward to next year. We have a lot of good returners and hopefully some new people can help add to the team.”



PHOTO BY ALISON GARZA

FIRST TEAM— Courtney Cook (’11) was one of four women’s soccer players to be honored with All-MIAA status.

Hope athletes take top MIAA honors

15 Hope athletes were named to All-MIAA first or second team from Hope’s soccer and volleyball teams.

WOMEN'S SOCCER		
FIRST TEAM:	Year	Position
Allison Van Beek- MVP	Senior	Midfielder
Courtney Cook	Sophomore	Defender
SECOND TEAM:		
Kristen Schwenk	Sophomore	Midfielder
Sarah Sosolik	Senior	Forward
MEN'S SOCCER		
FIRST TEAM:		
Jack Abe	Senior	Midfield
Kevin McMahon	Senior	Forward
Ausable Schwiebert	Junior	Midfield
James Trebilcock	Senior	Defense
SECOND TEAM:		
Chris Harrison	Junior	Midfield
Kevin Bartosek	Junior	Midfield
Mitchell Currie	Senior	Defense
VOLLEYBALL		
FIRST TEAM:		
Nora Slenk	Senior	Outside Hitter
Kara VandeGutche	Sophomore	Middle Hitter
Andrea Helminiak	Junior	Setter
SECOND TEAM:		
Cassidy Bulthuis	Sophomore	Outside Hitter

Senior Seth Weener leads runners

Karen Patterson
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Hope College cross country teams finished out a successful season over the weekend at the Great Lakes Regional Qualifier in Westerville, OH. The men’s team took 10th place in a field of 34 while the women captured 9th. While the teams did not qualify for nationals, Seth Weener (’08) managed to qualify individually after finishing 15th of the 240 runners.

The is the seventh time in the last eight years that the Flying Dutchmen have had a top ten finish. However, it wasn’t quite the finish the team was hoping for. “I think we ran solid considering the conditions,” Weener said. “Overall, though, I don’t think we quite did what we were looking for.”

While the season is now

over for the team, Weener will run this weekend in Hanover, IN. This is his second trip to Nationals; his first came in 2006 when he was one of two runners to qualify. Looking to the weekend, he was optimistic, “At this point the preparation is more mental than physical. Two years ago I was surprised to qualify, but this year it’s something I’ve been gunning for all season.”

Rounding out Hope’s top five on the men’s side were Rob Bailey (’09) in 48th, Paul Vandervelde (’09) taking 59th, Matt Wiersum (’10) coming in 69th, and Ryan Jara (’10) finishing in 93rd.

The women ran a tough race as well, managing to capture their first top ten finish in four years. Leading the team was Kate Nelson (’12) in 36th out of 233 competitors, missing All-Region honors by one place.

Coming in after her were Karlyn Sikma (’12) finishing 50th, Kelly Luftin (’12) taking 64th, followed by Susan Savasky at 68th, and Claire Bird rounded out the top five in 77th.

Similar to the men, the women did not finish quite as high as they were hoping, but overall the team was happy with their finish. “I don’t think the times were reflective of how good we were, but the conditions were pretty bad. The top three of us were able to run together for a while, so that was cool. Overall, I think we met our expectations.”

Though neither team was able to capture a conference title this season, overall Hope’s cross country teams had successful years with young runners on both sides showing promise and older runners stepping up to lead the team.



PHOTO BY JAMES RALSTON

POWERING FORWARD— Ryan Jara (’10) moves ahead at cross country Regionals.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Friday Nov. 21
Women’s Basketball
Tip-off Tournament vs. Concordia, MN. at 8 p.m.

Friday Dec. 5
Men’s Basketball
Hall of Fame Tournament vs. Cornerstone at 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

HOCKEY

Hope’s Hockey team has had a successful first month to their season, posting a 9-3-0 record. Over the weekend the team fell to the University of Cincinnati 3-2 with the game ending in a shootout. In the few weeks before Christmas, the team will play three games, including rival Calvin at the Jolly Roger Ice Arena in Grand Rapids.

SWIMMING

Both of Hope’s swim teams continued to dominate their opponents over the weekend. Friday afternoon the men out-swam Kalamazoo, finishing with 191 points ahead of Hornet’s 141. Saturday they finished ahead of Carthage 205 points to 109. On the women’s side, the Flying Dutch powered ahead of Kalamazoo 257-94. Saturday they defeated Carthage 196-147. The team’s will next travel to Illinois for the Wheaton Invitational.

MEN’S SOCCER

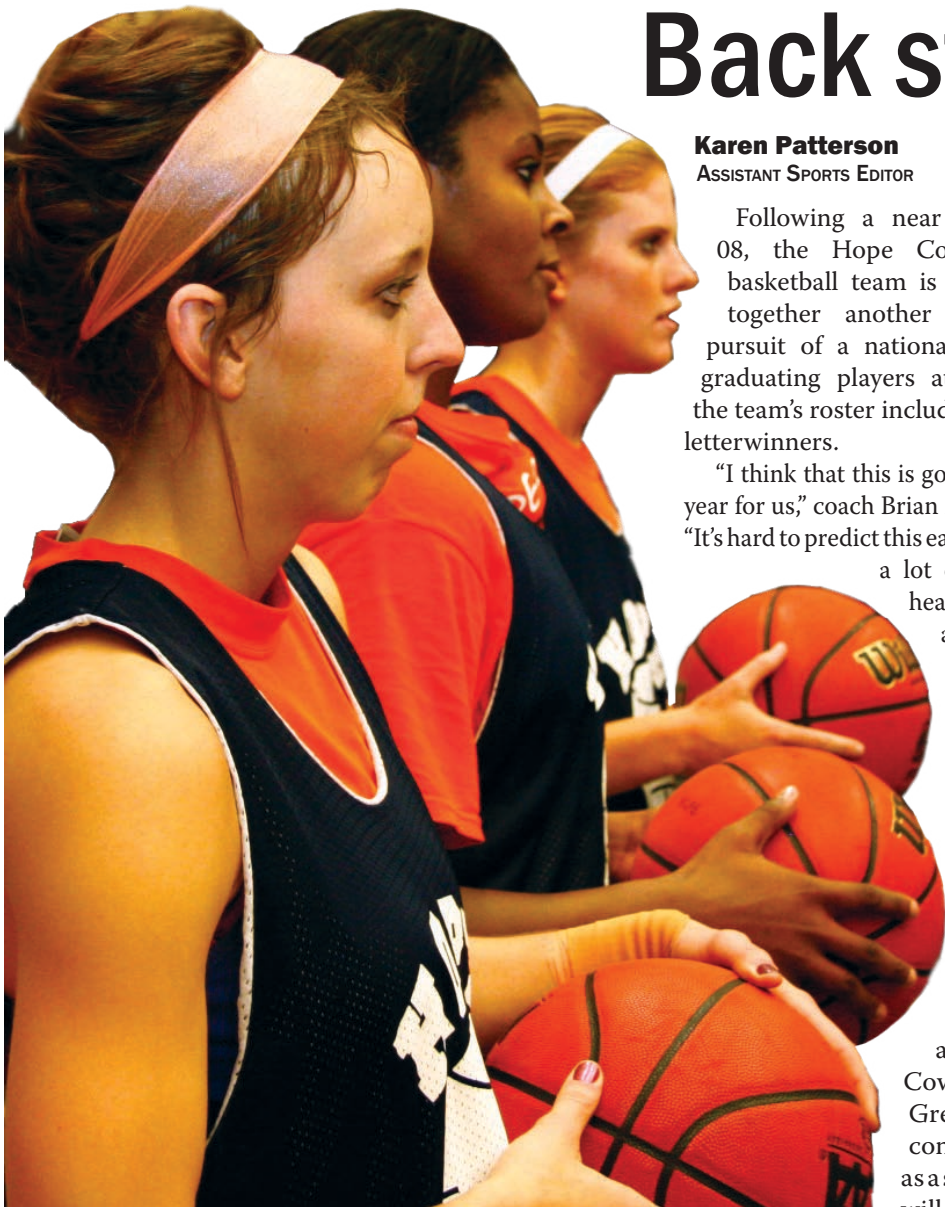
The Dutchmen finished up the season with a 1-1 tie against Alma College on Nov. 14. The game was inconclusive as neither team could score through two overtimes. The tie marked the end of their 14-2-4 regular season (10-2-1 MIAA). Despite their strong season, Hope came in second to Calvin in the MIAA and did not receive a bid into the NCAA Tournament.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

The women’s soccer team was eliminated from the MIAA tournament, losing to Alma College in the semi-finals on Nov. 4. The game concluded when Alma hit a goal in the final seconds of the second overtime to win 1-2. Hope finished the season with a 13-6 overall record and did not receive a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

FOOTBALL

The Flying Dutchmen captured their second win over the weekend. The victory came against Kalamazoo in the Wooden Shoes Rivalry game. The team has not lost a game to the Hornets since 1995. The Flying Dutchmen are now 2-3 in the MIAA and 2-7 overall. Their final game of the season at Alma this weekend at Buys Fields.



FACES OF EXPERIENCE— Captains Kaitlyn Kopke ('09), Philana Greene ('10) and Jenny Cowen ('10) look to lead the women's basketball team to another successful season.

Karen Patterson
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Following a near perfect 2007-08, the Hope College women's basketball team is looking to put together another solid run in pursuit of a national title. Despite graduating players at all positions, the team's roster includes 10 returning letterwinners.

"I think that this is going to be a good year for us," coach Brian Morehouse said. "It's hard to predict this early in the season;

a lot depends on the health of the team and how much they improve. They have a lot of talent and are working extremely hard."

The team is led by tri-captains Kaitlyn Kopke ('09), Philana Greene ('10) and Jenny Cowen ('10). Greene earned all-conference honors as a sophomore and will be key to the team's success as the only returning starter.

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Back strong: Despite losing many key players, Flying Dutch aim for the top

Despite not starting last season, six of the ten returners averaged 12 minutes or more per game last season, giving the team depth and experience. New additions to the team include Elise Adams ('11), Heather Kreuze ('11) and Abby Phillips ('11), moving up to the team from last year's jayvee squad. Rounding out the new members are freshmen players forward Jessa Boles, guard Allie Cerone, and guard Amy Veltkamp.

"The leadership of our seniors is going to be important both as solid players and guiding new players. Since we play a lot of people we've never really been a superstar program where one or two players dominate," Morehouse said.

Looking to this season, Morehouse's team was given a vote of confidence when they were named as the pre-season favorite to win the MIAA title this year. All coaches but one were unanimous in voting Hope as the favorite. The Flying Dutch posted a 16-0 conference record in the 2007-08 season and went undefeated on the season until they were defeated in the quarterfinals by Howard Payne. This season had a slightly

shaky start, though. With the outbreak of the virus on Hope's campus, the team was forced to postpone their season-opening game against Mt. Union. As Hope returned to classes on Wednesday, Mt. Union officials informed Hope that they would be unable to travel to the campus the following weekend for the game. The season opener will now be the home Tipoff Tournament this weekend, Nov. 21-22.

"We're a little disappointed because we thought at this point we'd have a game under our belts, but we've been able to catch up on the practices we missed and things have gone back to normal," Morehouse said.

Already this looks to be a strong season for the Flying Dutch. A solid base of returning players has given them confidence in conference, but only time will show if their full potential can be realized. Coach Morehouse knows his team is ready though.

"I like the fact that we're not set in stone as a team," Morehouse said. "There's going to be some solid competition for playing time. This is a different team from last year and that's a good thing for us. It will push us all to explore our strengths, ultimately making us a better team."

The coach behind the dynasty

Chris Lewis
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Hope College head women's basketball coach Brian Morehouse will be entering his 13th season at Hope this year. Since his first season as head coach in 1996, Morehouse's career at Hope has been quite noteworthy. As head coach, Morehouse has a .837 winning percentage, with 288 career wins against only 56 losses.

Under Morehouse, the Flying Dutch have won 20 or won games for ten consecutive seasons, won seven Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) titles, and played in eight NCAA tournaments. Last season, the Flying Dutch finished with an overall record of 30-1 and advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III Tournament before losing to National Champions Howard Payne of Texas.

However, perhaps the most significant accomplishment of Morehouse's career thus far occurred during the 2005-06 season, as the women's basketball team finished with an overall record of 33-1 on their way to the NCAA Division III National Championship.

"Most people would point toward the national championship (as the greatest achievement of my coaching career so far). I'd like to think that year was the result of 10 years of our program growing instead of a single achievement. It's been a process over time," Morehouse said.

Morehouse has enjoyed several aspects of his head coaching position since he first began the job in 1996.

"I love that I have great relationships with my players. We are fortunate to attract great families with values and morals that fit our college," Morehouse said. "These values are ones that I share and am able to role model to my players. It's also good to win, but that's a result of attracting good student athletes to a great school."

As a 1991 Hope graduate, Morehouse coached with the Hope men's program from 1987 through 1995 before men's head coach Glenn Van Wieren told him about an opening for the women's head coaching position. During the past 20 years, Morehouse has learned some valuable life lessons while coaching.

"(I need to) be honest (and) trust my

gut instinct. Leading isn't easy. It's not a popularity contest. Student-athletes also appreciate discipline," Morehouse said.

Morehouse is looking forward to leading a younger team this season.

"I'm really anxious to take a younger team and help it mature. I really like practice and I enjoy watching a team get better and better every day," Morehouse said. "The games are just a chance to showcase what we do in practice."

Morehouse admits that while his team has many positive aspects this season, there is also room for improvement.

"(Some) positives (of the team are that it is an) athletic, skilled, and fun group to be around. (However, the team is) young and still learning a lot. We need to rebound the ball better (as well)," Morehouse said.

In the meantime, Morehouse, as usual, is focused on attaining certain goals this season, including playing in the Final Four, which will be hosted by Hope.

"We need to improve every day (and) win the league, win the MIAA tournament, (and) go as far as we can in the NCAA. Ideally we'd like to play at



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TOP OF HIS GAME— Head women's basketball coach Brian Morehouse has compiled an impressive 288 career wins at Hope.

Hope in the Final Four," Morehouse said. Finally, Morehouse has appreciated the overall community at Hope College during the past 20 years.

"I'm really fortunate to be the women's head coach at Hope College. (Hope has) a president that shows great leadership and vision. I think the college faculty, staff, and students recognize this," Morehouse said. "I'm surrounded by professors and staff that really care about 18-22 year olds. This makes the recruitment of students easier because prospective students pick up on the fact that people care at Hope."

Three freshmen join varsity squad



Jessa Boles

Position: Guard/Forward

Boles played center in high school and has the ability to score down low as well as take the outside shot.



Allie Cerone

Position: Guard

Cerone was a multi-sport athlete at Wheaton North (Ill.) where she played both basketball and soccer.



Amy Veltkamp

Position: Guard

The lefty from Cedar Springs played varsity basketball all four years of high school.

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